MRAC Board Of Directors Meeting
11/26/2012 7 PM
Menomonee Falls Library

1. Minutes June BOD meeting?

2. Treasurers report

3. Meetings
   a. November - Jeff K9VS telescopes
   b. January - Gary, W9XT Arduino
   c. February - Food meeting
   d. March - ?
   e. April - Election
   f. May - Auction - No Business meeting
   We also discussed using meeting time to help educated our members. What topics should we bring up?

4. DSL and Phone - AB9CD / Dave KA9WXN

5. WAR renewal

6. Hamfest – Any updates? Formalize procedures

7. Club PR and recruitment – Tables at Hamfest. WARAC Dave to explain the club table setup for WARAC.

8. Special Projects committees
   a. Equipment evaluation/disposal - What equipment should we have?
   b. Education - Classes on the air. AES has room available.

9. Promoting 10-10 net

10. Committee reports
    a. History/BWP report - For the Nov board meeting, my reports:

    As to history, I have been playing with splitting my giant PowerPoint presentation of MRAC pictures into smaller presentations grouped by subject. Besides the normal file size issues, it makes it easier for creating a bunch of shorter videos. I am starting to create videos from the PowerPoint files as-is for now (without any soundtrack). Those are what will appear on the DVDs that get handed out in the near future.

    Charlie KC9CEQ, after getting the ball rolling for a City of Milwaukee proclamation for the MRAC anniversary has contacted the State of Wis. I have been in contact with a Bob Nenno about the details. I need to send him more info (actually less as he said I sent too much) and that will happen either by Mon or Tue, so we may see something in the coming weeks.

For the Special Projects committee and selling club radios. On the Fri night net 2 weeks back, a W9TJM, Travis (not yet a club member) said he was looking for a radio for his Dad (I think) in Kentucky. He then said he was looking for something sort of like the TS-430 he has. Of course I chimed in that the club may have one for sale. He couldn't stick around to talk after the net and didn't check in this week, so we'll see. Does the board have any opinions about selling the radios like how much, the process, should members get priority, etc. We have a Heathkit SB-104 Xcvr (the first solid state Xcvr from Heath) and matching 12 V power supply with speaker (in the same cabinet as the power supply). That radio was donated to the club in not working condition in the early 1990's. Jim Tromblay got it working, I don't know what he did, but I don't think it was much. The other is a Kenwood TS-430 transceiver possibly with all the optional filters (I need to open it up and check on this) and the Kenwood PS-50 (I think) power supply. Just because the model number has a 50 in it, it is not 50A. We also have the Kenwood AT-250 external auto tuner. The tuner is auto everything with the 430, just auto tune (not band switching) with other radios. The Kenwood stuff was from the estate of a member, George Philbert KA9MXM. I don't remember the price the club paid. I have been playing with the tuner and may be interested in that if the club sells it separately. Both radios have hand mikes and complete operating manuals (and assembly in the case of the Heath). All that equipment is in my basement. The condition is good, no major cosmetic flaws and was working last time it was used which was probably 3 years ago. I have been using the tuner for a couple of weeks and it works fine (or maybe I should say it doesn't work so I could get a good price).

Maybe also part of Special Projects - I have been working on another flyer for the club, sort of based on my April column in the Chatter about what a club does and what MRAC has done. Unfortunately it is not finished yet. Hopefully I can get it done and everyone can approve and get copies by our hamfest.

Speaking of our hamfest. Lately Mark has been doing a bunch of scanning again and included in all that was Treasurer stuff from 2011 which had all the hamfest table orders. I haven't dug through all of the scanning yet so I don't know if there are also 2012 table orders. Anyway that got me to thinking if someone has the info for those who bought tables in 2012 that we should at least email if not real mail flyers to them for 2013. Also, we need a box of flyers for the West Allis hamfest. In 2011 Mark handed out a flyer to everyone at a table and I did it in 2012. We need to continue that for 2013. I think it helps.

Finally on a repeater Trustee note (that's me too). As has become the custom, when people either get exiled or self-exile from other repeaters, they come to roost on the MRAC repeater. Unfortunately, in many instances the reason for exile from other repeaters continues with us. I won't mention any names or call signs yet (I want to talk to Dave #1 first) but the current situation needs a bit of discussion. The people involved frequently (almost daily, and multiple times during the day and evening) get into major religious and political discussions with a number of "damn"s and

"hell"s thrown around and sometimes name calling of various politicians. Now I'd like to call a number of politicians names too, but I will not do it on the air. I have received a couple of comments from casual listeners who know about some of these guys. Al monitors a lot and he may know who I'm talking about. I did mention this to Mark and ... (he can offer his opinion). The only problem with dealing with the problem is these people are not afraid to talk about anything they wish and may spread some bad PR (or maybe that actually becomes good PR as most people may feel we did something good - I don't know). I don't particularly like being in this situation but as one of the controllers and the license Trustee (which makes me just as responsible as the person actually doing the transmitting) I have to speak up. And by the way, none of these guys make it to club meetings (some of them are club members). Maybe I could have a couple of minutes at the club meeting Thurs for a generic "Trustee's Comment".

Enough for now...

See you at the 1 AM meeting (don't worry if you don't know what that means).

Dave 'BWP

b. Repeater - any problems?

11. New Business

MRAC/MAARS Ham Radio Calendar

Meetings

	MRAC **BOD**	MRAC Membership	MAARS
September 2012	24th	27th	N/A
October 2012	22nd	25th	4th
November 2012	26th	29th	N/A
December 2012	N/A	N/A	6th
January 2013	28th	31st	N/A
February 2013	25th	28th	7th
March 2013	25th	28th	N/A
April 2013	22nd	25th	4th
May 2013	27th	30th	N/A
June 2013	24th	27th	6th
July 2013	?	?	N/A
August 2013	?	?	N/A

Local Swapfest

January 5th 2013 WARAC
February 16th 2013 MRAC
March/April 2013 Superfest

MRAC Simplex contest February 10th 2013

Wisconsin QSO Party March 10th 2013
Field Day June 22-23 2013

Picnic August 12th 2013